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| DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. §3                                | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/559,818 |                                     |
| International Application No. PCT/JP2004/008766  | International Filing Date June 16, 2004                    | Priority Date Claimed June 17, 2003 |

## Title of Invention

DIRECT BACKLIGHT TYPE LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE, AND LIGHT DIFFUSION SHEET

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- 1. [] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
- 2. [X] This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
- 3. [] This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. §371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
- 4. [] A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
- 5. [] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2))
  - a. [] is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. [] has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
- 6. [] A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)).
- 7. [] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)).
  - a. [] are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. [] have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. [] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. [] have not been made and will not be made.
- 8. [] A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19.
- 9. [] An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(4)).
- 10. [] A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(5)).

## Items 11. to 14. below concern other document(s) or information included:

- 11. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. ATTACHMENT H
- 12. [] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- 13. [] A FIRST preliminary amendment.
  - [] A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
- 14. [] Other items or information:

| U.S. APPLICATION NO. 8/known. see<br>10/559,818  | S. APPLICATION NO. 1/4 known. 560 97 CFR 1.5) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. |           |       | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.<br>2005_1938A |                         |                  |  |
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| 15. [] The following fees are submitted  |   |           |       | CALCULATIONS                        | PTO USE ONLY            |                  |  |
| Basic National Stage Fee\$300.00National Stage Search Fee\$500.00National Stage Examination Fee\$200.00Specification/drawings in excess of 100 pages (units of 50 x \$250.00) =\$  |   |           |       |                                     |                         |                  |  |
| ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =   |   |           |       | \$0                                 |                         |                  |  |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than [] 20 [] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).  |   |           |       |                                     | \$                      |                  |  |
| Claims   | Number Filed  | Number I  | Extra | Rate                                |                         |                  |  |
| Total Claims   | -20 =   |           |       | X \$50.00                           | \$                      |                  |  |
| Independent Claims   | - 3 =   |           |       | X \$200.00                          | \$                      |                  |  |
| Multiple dependent claim(s) (if ap   | plicable)   |           |       | + \$360.00                          | \$                      |                  |  |
| TOTAL O  | F ABOVE CAL   | CULATION  | IS =  |                                     | \$0                     |                  |  |
| [] Small Entity Status is hereby asserted. Above fees are reduced by 1/2.  |   |           |       | \$                                  |                         |                  |  |
| SUBTOTAL =   |   |           |       |                                     | \$0                     |                  |  |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than [] 20 [] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).   |   |           |       | \$                                  |                         |                  |  |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =   |   |           |       |                                     | \$0                     |                  |  |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property +  |   |           |       |                                     | \$                      |                  |  |
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| <ul> <li>a. [] A check in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees is enclosed. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.</li> <li>b. [] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-0975 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees.         A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</li> <li>c. [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0975.</li> </ul>  |   |           |       |                                     |                         |                  |  |
| NOTE: Where an appropria must be filed and granted to  |   |           |       | been met, a petition                | on to revive (37 CFR    | 1.137(a) or (b)) |  |
| 19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS  O CHARGE ANY DE CONTROL S SUNDAN S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S |   |           |       |                                     | P.                      |                  |  |

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DIRECT BACKLIGHT TYPE LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE, AND LIGHT DIFFUSION SHEET [Corresponding to PCT/JP2004/008766 Filed June 16, 2004]

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT** 

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of the references listed on attached form PTO-1449 and any additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A legible copy of each reference listed on the Form PTO-1449 is enclosed, except a copy is not provided for:

|             | [X] | each U.S. Patent and U.S. Patent application publication;  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------|-----|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|             |     | each reference previously cited in the international application PCT/; and/or                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|             | []  | each reference previously cited in prior parent application Serial No.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| la. [X] Thi |     | s Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:   |  |  |  |  |  |
|             |     | within three months of the filing date (or of entry into the National Stage) of the above-entitled application, or |  |  |  |  |  |

before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits or the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of an RCE,

## and thus no certification and/or fee is required.

1b. [] This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted

after the events of above paragraph 1a and prior to the mailing date of a final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance or an action which otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and thus:

- (1) [] the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, or
- (2) [] the fee of \$180.00 specified in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed.
- 1c. [] This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

after the mailing date of a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance or action which otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and prior to payment of the issue fee, and thus:

the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, and

the fee of \$180.00 specified in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed.

# 2. It is hereby certified

- a. [] that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure

  Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a

  counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of
  the Statement, or
- b. [] that no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Statement.

- 3. [] Consideration of the following list of additional information (including any copending or abandoned U.S. application, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested.
  4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:
  - a. [] a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
  - b. [X] a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) previously submitted as Attachment C,
  - c. [X] the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page 4,
  - d. [X] the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
  - e. [] the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
- 5. [] A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

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| Sheet 1 of 1 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT   |                                       |                    |                               |                 |                   |                          |                                       |                               |       |
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| FORM PTO 1449 (modified)  U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S) (Use several sheets if necessary)  Date Submitted to PTO: February 27, 2006 |                                       |                    | ATTY DOCKET NO.<br>2005_1938A |                 |                   | SERIAL NO.<br>10/559,818 |                                       |                               |       |
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|   |                                       |                    | U.                            | S. PATENT DO    | CUMENTS           |                          |                                       |                               |       |
| *EXAMINER<br>INITIAL  |                                       | DOCUMENT<br>NUMBER | DATE                          | NA              | ME                | CLASS                    | SUBCLASS                              | FILING DATE IF<br>APPROPRIATE |       |
| /J.A.S./  | AA                                    | 5,362,783          | 11/1994                       | Eiffle          | et al.            |                          |                                       |                               |       |
|   | AB                                    |                    |                               |                 | TI UT             |                          |                                       |                               |       |
|   | AC                                    |                    |                               |                 |                   |                          |                                       |                               |       |
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| /J.A.S./  | АН                                    | 7-138464           | 05/1995                       | J               | Р                 |                          |                                       | abstract/corresponds to AA    |       |
| /J.A.S./  | AI                                    | 7-149995           | 06/1995                       | J               | Р                 |                          |                                       | abstract                      |       |
| /J.A.S./  | AJ                                    | 2001-214049        | 08/2001                       | J               | Р                 |                          |                                       | abstract                      |       |
| /J.A.S./  | AK                                    | 2001-323149        | 11/2001                       | J               | Р                 |                          |                                       | abstract                      |       |
| /J.A.S./  | AL                                    | 9-96705            | 04/1997                       | J               | Р                 |                          |                                       | abstract                      |       |
| /J.A.S./  | АМ                                    | 11-326610          | 11/1999                       | J               | Р                 |                          |                                       | abstract                      |       |
| /J.A.S./  | AN                                    | 2001-133604        | 05/2001                       | J               | Р                 |                          |                                       | abstract                      |       |
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|   | AO                                    |                    |                               |                 |                   |                          |                                       |                               |       |
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